

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

** Calendar of Events * 2014 **

Winter Snowshoe Hike

Bring the family for a snowshoe hike across the winter landscape, enjoy a physical workout, and catch a glimpse of white-tailed deer, ring-necked pheasants, bald eagles, and signs of wildlife. Warm up with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa, while browsing through the exhibit hall after the hike. Wear layered, warm winter clothing and boots – traditional snowshoes are provided for your use, or feel free to bring your own. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. **Date:** Saturday, February 1, 2014 (in case of inclement weather, back-up day is February 8) **Time:** 10-11:30am **Age:** 10 to adult **Meet in Visitor Center**



'Drawing Ducks' – Junior Duck Stamp Artwork

Explore the fascinating world of ducks, learn about their habitat, and create a drawing of your favorite duck to enter in the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. **Date:** Saturday, February 1, 2014 (in case of inclement weather, back-up day is February 8) **Time:** 12:30-2:30pm **Age:** Grades K-12 **Meet in Visitor Center**



Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest

Participate in an educational program that teaches wetland waterfowl conservation to youth. Students in grades K-12 learn about waterfowl and create artwork as an individual project at home, or in their classroom. Participants must submit their entry to Audubon Refuge by March 15th. Artwork is judged later in March, with a banquet honoring all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the spring. To learn more about the Junior Duck Stamp Program or to get contest guidelines and an entry form, visit <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck>.



Nature Fest Workshop



Pine Needle Basket Making: 9am-4pm Cost: \$50 Class Limit: 10

Carve A Diamond Willow Walking Stick: 9am-12pm Cost: \$25 Class Limit: 10

Carve a Songbird Decoy: 9am-12pm Cost: \$15 Class Limit: 10

Pastel Painting Class: 1-4pm Cost: \$15 Class Limit: 15

DUCKumentary Film & Wood Duck Nest Box Building: 1-3pm Cost: free Class Limit: 10

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014 **Age:** 15 years-adult **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. **Meet in Visitor Center** (Workshop is sponsored by Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc. All proceeds go toward refuge conservation education programs.)



Duck Nest Island Adventures – Pontoon Tour

Enjoy a pontoon ride to Lake Audubon's "Pancake Island" for an up-close look at duck nests and young ducklings. Participants will candle eggs and learn about egg incubation. Life jackets, binoculars, and field identification guides are provided. Tour will be cancelled if winds exceed 15 mph. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to get your feet wet while walking through the grass. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. **Tour limit:** 18 **Date:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 (in case of inclement weather, back up day is June 20) **Time:** 9 – 10:30am **Age:** Any **Meet at Boat Ramp located 1 mile in along auto tour route**



Wildflower Walk

A casual walk through the prairie provides opportunity for viewing beautiful summer wildflowers – purple coneflower, blanket flower, blazing star, purple prairie clover and more. Approximately 20 species will be identified, with edible and medicinal uses discussed. Create a wildflower nature craft following the walk. **Pre-registration is required** by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. **Date:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014 **Time:** 10am – 12pm **Age:** adult/young adult **Meet at visitor center.**

Kayaking Adventure

Enjoy a relaxing morning in a kayak, while paddling on a beautiful bay of Lake Audubon. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets are provided. Kayaking will be cancelled if winds exceed 18 mph. Wear shoes and clothing that can get wet. **Pre-registration is required by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. Date: Wednesdays, July 9 and July 23 Time: 9-11am**

Age: Any (youth must be accompanied by an adult) Meet at visitor parking area at end of auto tour route



Archery Shooting



Learn the fundamentals of shooting a Genesis bow in a safe, structured environment, with an instructor present. Participants will explore a shooting range, learn the parts of the bow, and then practice target shooting. *Participants do not need to register and can start and finish anytime between 9am and 11am (open house style)* **Date: Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16 Time: 9-11am Age: Any Meet at Visitor Center**

Blue Goose Day

Spend a family-oriented evening with hands-on opportunities to participate in outdoor skill building and wildlife conservation programs. Youth will have the opportunity to shoot air rifles, bows and arrows, and build a combination nesting box / bird feeder. Following the event, a picnic lunch will be served. All kids receive door prizes and educational materials. **No pre-registration required Date: Thursday, July 17, 2014 Time: 5-8:30pm Age: Any Meet at Visitor Center**



Fur Harvest Education Program

Join in a class to learn about all aspects of fur harvest in North Dakota. The 16 hour class (which occurs over a period of 3 days) will include classroom and hands-on activities such as trap handling and sets, hound hunting, predator calling, fur handling, furbearer biology, fur harvest regulations, and ethics. **Pre-registration is required by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110. Dates & Times: September 16 and 18 (6 -9:30pm), September 20 (8am-5pm) Age: Youth and Adults Meet in Visitor Center**

Halloween Adventure

Families are invited for a Refuge Halloween Adventure. Participants will be treated to supper, trick-or-treating on the nature trail, and a Halloween hayride along the scenic shoreline of Lake Audubon. **Pre-registration is required by calling 701/442-5474 ext. 110 by October 9. Event Limit: 60 Date: Saturday, October 11, 2014 Time: 5:30-8pm Meet in Visitor Center**



Upland Bird Hunt Opening Day



A long-standing tradition brings avid hunters to seek out pheasants, grouse, and partridge on Audubon Refuge. Opening day of this late season hunt is November 24th and the Audubon Refuge Partners Volunteers will serve brunch in the visitor center for a small fee. Proceeds will be used for educational programs for youth and adults.

Date: Monday, November 24, 2014 Time: 9am – 1pm Meet in Visitor Center

Events are free of charge with the exception of the Nature Fest Workshop and the Upland Bird Hunt Opening Day Brunch.

The office and visitor center is located 3 miles north of Coleharbor, ND on U.S. Highway 83 and 1 mile east, and is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm year round, except Federal holidays.

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Visitor Opportunities

Audubon Refuge Visitor Center – An ideal place to begin your visit - an exhibit hall features displays about wetland and grassland habitat, migratory birds, nocturnal wildlife, John James Audubon, and Refuge history. The visitor center is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday, except Federal holidays.

Prairie Pond Store – Enhance your visit with wildlife and habitat educational materials or souvenirs of Audubon National Wildlife Refuge. The store is managed and operated by Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc., a group of volunteers who assist with refuge programs and activities.

Prairie Hiking Trail - A 1-mile self-guided trail begins on the north side of the visitor center. The trail winds through grasslands and along wetlands, allowing visitors to observe many species of native grasses and wildflowers, birds, and other animals. A wildlife checklist is available for reference.

South Shore Auto Tour Route – The 8-mile gravel tour route begins near the visitor center and winds along the scenic south shoreline of Lake Audubon. Highlights include views of the lake, prairie wetlands, grasslands, and a chance to observe many species of birds, mammals, and plants. Visitors are welcome to leave their vehicle and stroll through the prairie or along the wind-blown shoreline of Lake Audubon. A brochure corresponds with numbered signs along the auto tour route.

Wildlife Observation and Photography Blind – Enjoy peaceful moments observing or photographing waterfowl and shorebirds on a quiet bay of Lake Audubon. A westerly view from the blind offers a glimpse of a beautiful sunset over Lake Audubon.

Outdoor Skill Loaner Programs – Families are invited to borrow equipment to enhance their refuge experience. 'Let's Go Outside Backpacks' are available to use along the nature trail or at a wetland – they contain magnifying bug jars, nets for catching insects, field guides for identifying critters, and much more! Snowshoes can be borrowed during the winter months to explore areas full of wildlife sign and snow. Equipment can be utilized during office hours.

Volunteering – Consider joining and/or making a donation to the 'Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc.' group of volunteers, who assist with providing wildlife-oriented environmental education, interpretation, and recreational experiences for people.

Hunting - Deer hunting and a late season upland bird (pheasant, grouse, and partridge) hunt are held on the refuge. A brochure that details special regulations is available.

Ice Fishing - Ice fishing is permitted when ice covers the water. A brochure that details special regulations is available.

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